"The South 40"

by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

Americans paid $11.5 billion last year for their cigarettes, cigars, and smoking products. This represented almost 2 percent of consumer disposable income. Taxes derived from tobacco products amount to $4.3 billion.

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The Virginia Pork Industry Federation's Fifth Annual Meeting last week in Charlottesville was outstanding.

John Wilson was the only Appomattox Pork Producer attending. The development and support of a strong county, state, and National Association are worthy of support.

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Research work recently completed in Wisconsin shows that 2 pounds of hay per head per day reduced bloating by 87%. This would certainly make feeding hay to cattle before putting them on a legume pasture a justifiable practice.

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What is our age? Appomattox has 9,784 people or 636 more than ten years ago. 34% are under 18, 44 percent 18 to 54, and 22 percent are over 54.

Among rural counties, Buchanan County has the lowest percentage of aged people - 13 percent, and Mathews the highest with 34 percent.

Charles City had the largest percentage of youth - 43% and Highland County the lowest - 29 percent.

Rural Virginia counties average 35 percent under 18, 44 percent 18 to 54, and 22 percent over 54.

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There's a new tomato variety that may have a place in this area; it's called Stakeless. Seed supplies in '72 will be extremely limited.

This variety has the ability to support itself above ground level with thick stems that are spaced close together. This is a late season variety - ripening in August. The stems are an inch or more in diameter. Potatoe - type leaves form a dense foliage that protects the fruit from the sun.

Tests this year show a production of 28 tons per acre when fertilized with 2,000 pounds of 10-10-10. Spacing was one foot in the row in rows 3 to 4 feet apart.

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Malawi is the second largest producer of fire-cured tobacco in the world. Production goals for '70-'71 were 28.5 million pounds. Malawi has been plagued with wide variations in the acreage, production and quality of its crops.

An example is seen in the comparison of the 198 - 69 crops with those of 1969-'70. In 1968 - 69 there were 32,000 growers cultivating 44,200 acres with an average yield of 230 pounds per acre and a total production of 10.5 million pounds. During the 1969-'70 season, 40,-000 growers cultivated 59,300 acres, producing an average yield of 348 pounds per acre and a total production of 22 million pounds.

The '69 - '70 crop averaged 315.

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The recent newspaper report of a mysterious illness affecting cattle feeding on Bermuda Grass in Louisiana has raised a lot of questions.

I talked with the Extension Veterinarian last week and learned that this was the first information that they had received about the trouble.

We expect further information to be received about the problem.

PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	.37
This Week	.90
This Year	53.06

STONEWALL

"The grace of God - bringeth salvation." Titus 2:11.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Krantz, of Lynchburg, visited Mrs. Elsie Krantz Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler visited Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gillaspie visited his brother in Roanoke, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alvis, of Newport News, visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Alvis, Sunday and are going home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Carson and children, of Culpeper, came Tuesday and stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Carey Carson.

Mr. Stuart Farrell, of Culpeper visited the Davidson family and went to see Mrs. Horsley in the hospital.

Misses Rebecca and Mary Davidson and Judson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant.

So glad Mrs. Horsley is able to sit up out of bed. She is still at the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Elsie Thornhill left Saturday by plane to visit her daughter, Mrs. Weidman and family in Newark, Conn. She will return in March.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spindler, of Phenix, spent Thursday night with Mrs. Nellie Krause.

Mr. Brooks spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gunter.

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Mrs. J. P. Alvis, Jr., has been sick for several days and is better now. She went back to school Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carter Bondurant were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stratton Sunday.

Four Pamplin Churches Set Yule Programs

PAMPLIN — The Rev. John Hoke has announced the Christmas programs for the four churches of the Pamplin United Methodist Charge. Centenary will present "Birthday of Jesus" by choirs Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

Contemporary presentation by the youth at Pamplin United Methodist Church will be Dec. 19, commencing at 6 p.m. The Christmas program will be presented at the Evergreen United Methodist Church Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

"If He Had Not Come" will be the program given by the adults of Piney Ridge United Methodist Church on Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

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Merry Christmas

As the excitement of another Christmas mounts and the spirit of joy and wonderment reaches into the hearts of everyone, we send our heartiest greetings, with sincere thanks for the privilege of serving you.

P.O. To Close Friday Noon

Postal customers are reminded that Appomattox Post Office windows will close at noon on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24. We will also close at noon on New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31.

No mail will be received or dispatched on either Christmas Day or New Year's Day. There will be normal service on Sunday, December 26 and Sunday, January 2.

Our thanks to everyone who mailed early and took care in wrapping parcels and addressing greeting cards and letters.

We hope you have a HAPPY HOLIDAY and we look forward to serving you in 1972.

Meeting Called To Appoint Board Member

In compliance with Section 653-653 A and Section 22-61 of the 1950 Code of Virginia as amended and a Resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County relative to the appointment of School Trustees, a meeting of the School Trustee Electoral Board of Appomattox County is hereby called for 10:00 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, 1971 at the Court House Appomattox, Virginia. The purpose of this meeting is to appoint a School Trustee At Large for Appomattox County for a term beginning January 1, 1972.

The announcement comes from School Trustee Electoral Board chairman Stuart Farrar.

Banks To Close Two P.M. 24th

Farmers National Bank, Fidelity National Bank, Appomattox and the Hillcrest Branch; also First National Bank of Farmville, Pamplin Branch will close at two p.m. Friday, December 24. All of these banks will reopen on Monday with regular banking hours.

The banks will observe the same closing hour on Friday, December 31, New Year's Eve. Banking hours will end at two p.m. and WILL NOT REOPEN as is usually the custom on Friday afternoons.

Library Hours For Holidays

The Appomattox County library will be open on Thurs., Dec. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be closed from Friday, Dec. 24 through Dec. 27.

The library will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 28 with hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. These same hours will be observed Tues., Wed., and Thurs. The library will be closed on New Year's Eve., Fri., Dec. 31 and will reopen Mon., Jan. 3rd with regular hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Council Approves Budget

Christmas Bonus For Firemen

Good looking envelopes with cash inside made a swift trip around the banquet tables at The Parkway Restaurant on Monday evening as Paul Drinkard (2nd from right) presented Appomattox Fire Chief, C. R. Wooldridge (3rd from left) with his Christmas bonus and a similar bonus to each of the other volunteers. Drinkard's helper on the fund-raising project was James Ford (far right). Presiding at the meeting was mayor H. B. Pack (4th from left) as host for Appomattox Town Council which annually treats the firemen to dinner. Fire chief Wooldridge's "mouthpiece" to make after-dinner remarks is fireman Dick Bass (2nd from left) and Southside District supervisor John C. Cole (far left) was among the special guests offering congratulations to the fireman.

Banquet Held For Firemen

The annual firemen's banquet and end-of-year meeting for Appomattox Town Council was held Monday evening, beginning with a steak dinner for all at the Parkway Restaurant.

Firemen were presented a cash bonus at the dinner, result of a fund drive conducted by Paul Drinkard and James Ford.

At the meeting at town hall Councilman Ivey Holtman, as chairman of the finance committee presented a 1972 budget of $99,960.00, an increase of a little over $700 over the 1971 budget, $99,250.00.

Holtman said of the budget, "We're holding the line." The small increase, he said, was for additional pay for some of the town's workers and was in line with the President's Phase II program in that additional wages also calls for additional duties on the part of the workers.

ACTION DEFERRED

Council deferred action on an ordinance with regard to the keeping of livestock and fowl within town limits. No one appeared before Council to speak for or against the measure. There were some details within the ordinance that call for further study, according to mayor H. B. Pack.

Appomattox Town Attorney Harry Gordon Lawson was instructed to take any action necessary in the collection of back taxes, both personal and property taxes, owed to the town of Appomattox.

Mr. Lawson said that any of three actions can be taken to collect the money: garnishee of wages, a lien against property or the attachment of personal property. Approximately 70 persons and/or business firms are on the delinquent list.

Mr. Lawson said that ample notice had been given each of the accounts including personal visits and telephone calls.

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Rt. 460 Project Bid Set Jan. 19

The State Highway Department will recieve bids Jan. 19 for construction of 24-foot wide parrellel roadways on a new location from the eastern end of the recently completed Pamplin City bypass to Prospect and a 24-foot-wide parallel roadway between Prospect and the western end of the proposed Farmville-Appomattox bypass.

The 6.6 mile project will complete all rural work between the proposed bypasses by Lynchburg and Farmville. A bypass at Appomattox is also scheduled for future construction.

This project is among 26 construction projects that the state said Thurs. (Dec. 16) will be offered for bid.

Among the bids to be received will be bids for furnishing and erecting 8,905 feet of steel guardrail in the Lynchburg District.

COUNTY MAY GAIN FUNDS FOR ROADS

Appomattox county, as well as other Virginia counties and cities, would gain under a new formula proposed for the distribution of state road maintenance payments.

The formula which could affect Appomattox county, was proposed by the State Highway Commission and submitted Thursday, Decmeber 16.

The formula for distribution of state urban road maintenance payments and distribution of fund for the secondary road system throughout the state is part of the Ten Year Highway Fiscal Program.

The entire program is contingent upon the state gettingan additional $650 million in revenue and the commission, which met in Richmond, has recommended a two-cent hike in the state's gasoline tax -- from seven to nine cents.

The commission meeting was attended by Thomas R. Glass, representing the Lynchburg District.

Appomattox county, if the secondary road system formula is adopted, would go from $575,-000 this year to $692,000 next year. The increase would graduate to $1,044,000 by 1981-82.

As a comparison figure Nelson county would go from $698,-000 to $845,000 and $1,276,000 by 1981-82.

The new formula involves payments by lane mile rather than the present lineal mile.

Improvements envisioned in the Ten-Year plan include 9,-800 miles of road and improvement or replacement of 2,080 bridges on the secondary system in Virginia.

State highway aid to cities and towns would be increased under a new distribution formula. At present payments are made on a lineal mile basis of $10,000 per mile for the primary extensions in the cities and towns and $1,100 a mile for other streets which are up to highway standards.

The commission would change this to make the payments on a lane mile basis at $2,500 per mile for primary extensions and $1,500 per lane mile for the other streets.

Everything Lost In Fire

Mrs. Alice Watts and her children lost most of their possessions in a fire Sunday afternoon at their home on Confederate Blvd., Appomattox.

Persons interested in helping the family may call Aurelius Watts, 352-2511, the children's grandfather for details of sizes and types of clothing needed. The youngsters are school age and include a pre-schooler. Any help with household items or clothing will be appreciated.

King Leases Old Store

Kings, Inc. have leased the old former Kings Store to Big K Foods, Inc. They plan to open in January.

Birthday Cake For 'Darkleaf'

For the "bird watcher", historian and writer, Calvin Robinson, (left) there was a colorful birtday cake topped with red birds and surrounded by Christmas candles, all part of a surprise presentation Tuesday morning by Rufus Cawthorne (right) and Mrs. Cawthorne. Inside that decorated package is a cranberry candle and on top, two tiny slippers as comfortable looking as any writer could want. Mr. Robinson, "Father Darkleaf" to hundreds of readers, said, "I expect the birds and candles will last longer than the cake will." And, just like Jack Benny, "Darkleaf" says he's "39 years old" and he's stopped counting!

Be On Lookout For False 'Inspector'

Numerous complaints have been received regarding a white male subject last operating a truck with tank on back. Subject is supposedly operating in Appomattox County claiming to inspect bathrooms and privies for the Health Department for a fee of $15.00. This subject also claims to be able to pump septic tanks.

THIS SUBJECT IS A FRAUD!

The Health Department does not have anyone doing this type of work for them. If you are contacted by such a person, ask for proper identification, obtain the license number of the vehicle, and contact the Appomattox County Sheriff's Department immediately. Telephone 352-8241.

If you have already been contacted by such a person and have not reported it, please contact Sheriff's Department immediately.

The Appomattox County Sheriff's Department has always enjoyed the wholehearted support of the people of this county. It is always our desire to serve the people to the best of our abilities. Your continued support and confidence is appreciated.

Sheriff J. E. Richardson and his entire staff would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe, prosperous and Happy New Year!

ACA Board Cites Byrd And Abbitt

The board of trustees of the non-partisan Americans for Constitutional Action has honored Fourth District Representative Watkins M. Abbitt, also Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr. and Fifth District Representative W. C. (Dan) Daniel.

Representative Abbitt will recieve the ACA's Distinguished Service award next month. He has been a recipient of such presentation since the award was originated.

The ACA presents the award every two years to those legislators whose voting records the organization considers outstanding.

Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr. was presented the ACA's Distinguished Service Award Wed, Dec. 15 in Washington D. C. for his support of "fundamental principles of good government."

Fifth District Representative W. C. (Dan) Daniel also received the award Dec. 15 in Washington.

According to the ACA the honorees received the awards for "their outstanding record in the Congress and devotion to those fundamental principles of good government which serve to promote individual rights and responsibilities; a sound dollar; a growing economy and a desire for victory over communist aggression."

$100 Gift For Firemen

Christmas time giving extends to Pamplin Firemen, with this $100 donation from Tom Elder (at right), representing Appomattox County Jaycees, being presented to Dalton Elder (left), member of the Housing Committee for the Pamplin Volunteer Fire Dept. Harvey St. John is fire chief for the Pamplin Volunteer Dept. Floyd Williams is president of the Appomattox County Jaycees.

Santa Claus Will Be In Pamplin

Santa Claus will be at Vaughan's Snack Bar in Pamplin on Thurs., Dec. 23rd, from 7 until 9 p.m. Santa will have small treats for the children. Come on out to Vaughan's Snack Bar in Pamplin and bring your children to see Santa.

Jim Thorpe, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig . . . and Bobby Jones. Jones passed away this week and it saddens the holiday season for sports fans, because many of us consider him the greatest golf player of all time.

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Merry Christmas, everybody. Let us not war it by accidents. Thanks for your cards and letters and For Seventy - Two, My Eyes Are On You!

Ditty Bags Arrive For Servicemen

Ditty Bags from Appomattox and Charlotte counties have arrived overseas ready for distribution for Christmas, according to an announcement by Mrs. Don Moses, secretary, Service to Military Families, Appomattox County Chapter, American Red Cross.

Mrs. Moses says, "Our American Red Cross chapter wishes to thank each person who helped and gave generously of time and materials to make and fill these bags for our servicemen. These are a small reminder that we do not forget these who are serving our country."

Scouts Collect 'Toys For Tots'

Scott Ashman (at left on truck), commander, Marine Reserves, says he's well pleased with the response by Appomattox to a call for "Toys for Tots". Boy Scouts of Troop 546 together with Scout Master Floyd Flont (far right) and his assistant, Neal Goldstein (not shown) put in several busy hours collecting tricycles, dolls, games and other items to make somebody else's Christmas a good one! The Marines picked up the toys on Saturday afternoon.